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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. New claims 11 and 12 have

been added.

Drawing

The Examiner asserts that the subject matter of the application necessitates an illustration

by a drawing in order to facilitate understanding of the invention. The Examiner requires a

drawing to be furnished under 37 C.F.R. § 1.81, but warns that no new matter may be introduced

in the drawing. The Examiner refers to Fig. 8 of the priority document and the corresponding

description starting on page 59 of that document, implicitly suggesting that such figure would

satisfy the Examiner's requirements.

A single figure is provided herewith, based on Fig. 8, and appropriate modification has

been made to the specification so that appropriate reference number may be included in the text.

No new matter has been added, as such illustration is readily derived from the original disclosure

by one skilled in the art.

Abstract

The Examiner objects to the Abstract because of its length and use of legal

phraseology. An appropriate Abstract is being submitted to the Examiner.

Title

The Examiner objects to the title because it is not descriptive of the invention. An

appropriately descriptive title has been added.

Specification

The specification has been objected to as containing informalities. The specification has

been reviewed and amended to correct idiomatic English. A redlined version of the original

specification, showing deletions and additions is submitted herewith which is in compliance

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with the Examiner's requirement. As requested by the Examiner a substitute specification is filed herewith. No new matter has been added to the substitute specification.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objects to claim 3 because of a mistyping of the word "wherein". This has been remedied by this amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35-U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner identifies in claim 1 and claims 9-10 certain phrases which should be corrected in order to clearly state the invention. Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for his guidance in his comments and an appropriate change to the claim have been made.

Allowable subject matter

The Examiner indicates that claims 1-10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. On the basis of the claim amendments that have been made, this application should be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attachment: Annotated Marked-Up Drawing(s)



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